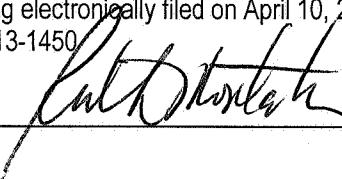


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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 11, 2007, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-25, which are being presented without any amendment.